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Dear Mr Hough,

### Freedom of Information Determination

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the FOI Act), received by the Department of Human Services (DHS) on 19 March 2025, seeking access to:

*Minutes of all meetings of the "Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce" and agendas of those meetings that occurred. Documents relating to annual, status reports, or Ministerial briefing papers detailing about or from the taskforce. Relevant redactions authorised of Commonwealth departmental non-senior staff names. Please allow 45 grace period before publishing on disclosure logs*  
*Date range: 13/06/2024-19/3/2025*

Pursuant to section 23(1)(b) of the FOI Act, I advise that DHS has not been able to locate any documents relating to annual, status reports, or Ministerial briefing papers detailing about or from the taskforce.

Eight documents were located that fit within the scope of your request and I have determined eight documents are to be released in part.

Eight documents contain exempt matter subject to legislative secrecy provisions, the disclosure of which would constitute an offence against an Act. I consider that it would be unreasonable to disclose this information, and determine the information exempt pursuant to clause 12 of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act. In accordance with section 20(4) of the FOI Act, I consider that you would wish for access to the rest of the document after exempt information is removed, and I am therefore releasing this document to you in part.

Please find enclosed a copy of the documents released, and a document schedule containing a brief description of each document and determination in summary form.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you can seek an internal review by writing to the Chief Executive, DHS, as the Principal Officer of the agency within 30 days of receipt of this letter. A copy of the FOI Review Rights and Appeals is attached to this determination.

Pursuant to Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, agencies receiving non-personal FOI applications may publish the document in the agency disclosure log if access is provided. If you disagree with publication, you will need to advise the FOI Team within two weeks of the date of this determination.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact the FOI Team on telephone (08) 8208 7628 or by email at [DHSFreedomofInformation@sa.gov.au](mailto:DHSFreedomofInformation@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



Shantrel Eldred  
**ACCREDITED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

13 / 05 / 2025

Encl:     Schedule of Documents  
         FOI Review Rights and Appeals  
         Documents for release

**DOCUMENT SCHEDULE****DHS/25/02450 – Andrew Hough**

<b><i>Document number</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Document description</i></b>	<b><i>Exemption clauses</i></b>	<b><i>Released (part/full/ refused)</i></b>
1.	06/08/2024	Agenda	Clause 12	Partial Release
2.	06/08/2024	Meeting Minutes	Clause 12	Partial Release
3.	09/10/2024	Agenda	Clause 12	Partial Release
4.	09/10/2024	Meeting Minutes	Clause 12	Partial Release
5.	11/12/2024	Agenda	Clause 12	Partial Release
6.	11/12/2024	Meeting Minutes	Clause 12	Partial Release
7.	26/02/2025	Agenda	Clause 12	Partial Release
8.	26/02/2025	Meeting Minutes	Clause 12	Partial Release

## **Your Rights to Review and Appeal**

### *Freedom of Information Act 1991*

#### **INTERNAL REVIEW**

If you are dissatisfied with a determination made by the Department of Human Services in relation to:

- an FOI application for access to a document, or
- a request for amendment to your personal records; or
- a request to pay an advanced deposit or further fees and charges.

you are entitled to apply for an Internal Review of that determination.

#### **How do I make a request for Internal Review?**

To make an application for an Internal Review you must:

- write a letter or lodge an Internal Review application to the Principal Officer of the Department of Human Services, and
- include the application fee of **\$42.00**.

The Department of Human Services accepts payment by money order or cheque.

#### **What if I have a concession card?**

In some cases, the fee for an Internal Review can be waived. If you are the holder of a current concession card or if you can satisfy the agency that the payment of the fee would cause financial hardship, the agency may waive or remit the application fee.

If you are a concession cardholder you will need to provide evidence, eg: you should attach a copy of your concession card when you make the application. Alternatively, you should provide written reasons as to why the payment of a fee would cause you financial hardship.

#### **How long does an Internal Review take?**

If you wish to make an application for Internal Review, you need to do so within 30 calendar days after the date of the determination.

You will be advised of the outcome of your Internal Review application within 14 calendar days of it being received by the agency.

If the agency does not deal with your Internal Review application within 14 calendar days, you are entitled to an External Review by the Ombudsman SA.

#### **When can't I apply for an Internal Review**

If the determination was made by the Chief Executive of the Department of Human Services, and you are dissatisfied with that determination you cannot apply for an Internal Review. You can apply for an External Review by the Ombudsman SA or SACAT.

If you are dissatisfied with a decision to extend the timeframe to deal with your application, you cannot apply for an Internal Review. You can however seek an External Review by the Ombudsman SA.

#### **Do I have to pay for a review of a fee or charge?**

Fees and charges are in accordance with section 53(3) of the FOI Act. Specifically, where an Agency determines a fee or charge you disagree with, it must, review that fee or charge and where appropriate reduce the fee.

A person seeking a review of a fee or charge is not required to pay an application fee or any other charge in relation to this review. Where the agency decides not to reduce the fee or charge and you are still dissatisfied, you can apply to the Ombudsman SA for an External Review.

## **EXTERNAL REVIEW**

Where a person is aggrieved by an agency's determination and that person has gone through the Internal Review process (or there was no right to Internal Review), that person can choose to apply to the Ombudsman SA or go directly to SACAT for an External Review. However, if an application for review of a determination has been made to the Ombudsman SA, SACAT cannot review the matter until that application has been decided.

Commencing a review with SACAT bars any right to apply for a review by the Ombudsman.

After an Internal Review has been completed, or where you are unable to apply for an Internal Review, and you are dissatisfied with the decision, you have the right to apply for an External Review.

### **How long will an External Review take and how much will it cost?**

If you wish to make an application for an External Review you must do so within 30 (calendar) days after the date of the determination. However, the Ombudsman SA can extend this time limit. There is no statutory time limit for External Review. The time taken to complete the review will depend on the size and complexity of your original request and the current workload of the officers who will be undertaking the review. You should discuss any concerns you have directly with the Ombudsman SA.

There is no fee or charge for investigations undertaken by the Ombudsman SA.

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Toll free: 1800 182 150 (outside metro SA only)  
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## **APPEAL TO THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (SACAT)**

Where a person is aggrieved by an agency's determination and that decision was made:

- by an accredited FOI officer who was not the principal officer of the agency; and
- without the direction of the principal officer or without the direction of a person or body to which the principal officer is responsible,

that person must first apply to the agency for an Internal Review before applying to SACAT.

There is a filing fee applicable for this type of application. Payment can be made online by credit card at the time of completing the online form, or by using one of the other options outlined in the payment section of the online form.

If you have any further questions please call SACAT on 1800 723 767 (and press menu option 3). The postal address for SACAT is GPO Box 2361, Adelaide SA 5001.

# Agenda

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<b>Guest/s</b>	Emily Humphreys – Systems Change I For Good		

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Items for discussion			
No.	Discussion item	Who	Time
1.	Welcome and apologies	Chair (DHS)	2pm (5 mins)
2.	Actions from previous Minutes - Out of Session Data Mapping Paper- next steps	Chair (DHS) Penny/EO	2:05pm (5 mins)

3.	<b>Taskforce Systems Theory of Change and Focus Areas</b>	Emily Humphreys	2:10pm (20 mins)
4.	<b>City of Adelaide–Parklands Dry Areas Evaluation Update (PAPER)</b>	Michael Sedgman	2:30pm (10 mins)
5.	<b>APY Lands - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NIAA- update on Community Council Governance workshops and reforms</li> <li>- SAPOL</li> <li>- DHS</li> <li>- Other relevant agency updates</li> </ul>	All	2:40pmn (15 mins)
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7.	<b>Port Augusta - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DHS –Next steps in progressing the Port Augusta Community Safety &amp; Wellbeing Plan and governance structure, including funding priorities.</li> <li>- SAPOL</li> <li>- Liquor restrictions</li> <li>- Other relevant agency updates</li> </ul>	All	3:05pm (15 mins)
8.	<b>Ceduna - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SAPOL</li> <li>- Liquor restrictions</li> <li>- DHS (including data/dashboard update)</li> <li>- Other relevant agency updates</li> </ul>	All	3:20pm (10 mins)
9.	<b>Adelaide- updates/trends/issues/responses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SAPOL – Operation Paragon/CBD/Western Adelaide trends</li> <li>- Liquor restrictions</li> <li>- DHS – Safer Place to Gather/Edwards Park, outreach, emerging issues and trends</li> <li>- Other relevant agency updates</li> </ul>	All	3:30m (15 mins)
10.	<b>Other Business</b>	Chair	3:45pm
11.	<b>Close Meeting</b>		4pm
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	Items for discussion	
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1.	<b>Welcome and apologies</b> The Chair welcomed Martyn Campbell, Liquor and Gambling Commissioner to his first Taskforce meeting. The Chair noted the apologies and welcomed proxies attending.	



2.	<p><b>Actions from Previous Minutes (Action Register)</b></p> <p>The Taskforce <b>NOTED</b> the current status of Actions.</p> <p>DHS provided an update on the timeframe and process for the Port Augusta and APY Lands data mapping exercise that was endorsed out of session.</p>	DHS to send data mapping request to Taskforce members and nominated data reps in the next week.
3.	<p><b>Taskforce Systems Theory of Change and Focus Areas</b></p> <p>The Chair thanked members for their participation in the small group consultation sessions to refine the Focus Areas for Action.</p> <p>DHS will update and forward key materials to provide a further opportunity to provide feedback.</p>	Chair/ Executive Officer to send updated Systems Theory of Change and Focus Areas for review and input/commitments towards priority actions.
4.	<p><b>City of Adelaide—Parklands Dry Areas Evaluation Update</b></p> <p>CoA advised a paper will be finalised and distributed out of session.</p>	Michale S (CoA) to send out of session paper on the status/update of the Parklands Dry Areas evaluation.
5.	<p><b>APY Lands - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b></p> <p><b>NIAA</b> – Working with Empowered Communities to coordinate a two-day APY Lands Governance workshop on 27-28 August in Alice Springs to explore how community and council governance can be strengthened. NIAA will support Community Council chairs to attend.</p> <p>The Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Programme (AACAP) has been in Amata the past few months working on an 8-bed service provider accommodation facility and a storm water culvert project. NIAA will provide support to fit out the accommodation facility.</p> <p>There is interest on establishing funeral services and a morgue on the APY Lands. NIAA is working through costings.</p> <p>There is a strong focus on learning on country initiatives. Expect an announcement soon on additional ranger programs on the APY Lands.</p> <p><b>SAPOL</b> – Three police posts under construction – expect completion end late 2024- early 2025. Recently had fairly significant seizures of alcohol and other drugs on the APY Lands. There have been some disturbances, mostly in Mimili, but things have quietened down in recent times.</p> <p>SAPOL are in the process of establishing a transition pathway for Aboriginal Police Liaisons Officers/ Community Constables.</p> <p><b>DHS</b> – Received funding from NIAA and AGD-AAR to upgrade the Amata and Fregon Youth Centres. Work is underway with respect to aged care and disability services on the Lands. This is an area of significant reform the Taskforce may have interest in progressing.</p> <p><b>DSS</b> – The Commonwealth APY Collaboration Group, led by Aged Care and Health, has recently been established. The group of agency leads will meet every 6 weeks. DSS hopes to share information with the Taskforce as it moves forward.</p> <p><b>AGD-AAR</b> – Have held meetings with Mimili community representatives and will meet with Council soon to continue discussions to resolve ongoing family/community conflict.</p> <p><b>SAAS</b> – Working through what a formal arrangement might look like regarding triple zero assistance and the APY Lands.</p>	<p><b>Clause 12(1)</b></p> <p>(NIAA) to send interim report on establishing a morgue and funeral service on the APY Lands.</p> <p><b>Clause 12(1)</b></p> <p>Executive Officer to follow up with (DSS) on Commonwealth APY Collaboration Group meeting schedule and explore opportunity to connect/align with a state govt APY Lands governance group.</p>

	<p><b>DASSA</b> – The adapted ASSIST tool will see the ASSIST translated and culturally adapted into Pitjantjatjara. It is currently in the validation study phase, with site testing in Adelaide and on the APY Lands. DASSA has an APY case worker commencing shortly.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Coober Pedy - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b></p> <p><b>SAPOL</b> – Business as usual. Continuing to enforce liquor restrictions.</p> <p><b>Liquor Commissioner</b> – Following consultation with local service providers and stakeholders, a decision was made for liquor restrictions to be maintained. They would like to see the Coober Pedy Alcohol Management Committee reconvene regular meetings to ensure appropriate service coordination.</p> <p><b>DHS</b> – The contract for Umoona Council to deliver assertive outreach and Return to Country has been extended until January 2025.</p>	<p>Executive Officer- follow up with EFNLHN and DASSA on status of Coober Pedy Alcohol Management Committee</p>
7.	<p><b>Port Augusta - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b></p> <p><b>DHS</b> – The Commonwealth and SA Governments will commit \$12m over 3 years to a new partnership in Port Augusta and Davenport. DHS and the NIAA are working with stakeholders to support establishment of a community leadership group to finalise the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.</p> <p><b>CAA</b> –Planning underway to expand and pilot a Youth Aboriginal Community Court in Port Augusta.</p> <p><b>DfE</b> – Looking to establish a Student Wellbeing Centre / Alternative Education Hub to connect youth of all ages and provide wrap-around support. Pathway to support youth engaging in high-risk behaviours to re-engage in education and undertake learning customised to their individual needs.</p> <p><b>SAPOL</b> – Things have settled down and SAPOL have working with several young people, including joining the DHS Youth Outreach service. SAPOL are looking to maintain momentum from the Intensive Family Response meetings and providing holistic supports to young people and their families. Minister and Commissioner for Police visited Port Augusta in July to discuss community concerns.</p> <p><b>Liquor Commissioner</b> – No changes in restrictions since November 2022. Keen to meet with stakeholders in Port Augusta and Whyalla late August / early September.</p> <p><b>PACC</b> – Council is working with agencies and service providers to address youth behaviour challenges, particularly for those not engaged in school. Council is concerned liquor restrictions may cause some people to turn to other drugs, resulting in increased aggressive behaviour and staff safety issues.</p> <p><b>AGD-AAR</b> – Davenport dry zone for public areas to commence 15 November 2024. This is a new and innovative model for working together to deliver health and culturally sensitive responses to harmful drinking.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Ceduna - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b></p> <p><b>SAPOL</b> – Crime levels have been low and there have been no issues on the foreshore for some time.</p>	

	<p><b>DHS</b> – Shared Dashboard data and discussed the work being undertaken with the Far West Community Partnerships (FWCP) on a Data Strategy. Good example of how a comprehensive but simple data sharing agreement is capable of delivering under Closing the Gap.</p> <p><b>SAAS</b> – Funding for Community Paramedics ceases 30 June 2025. In the absence of funding sustainability, the program is at risk. Working to get relevant stakeholders onboard to continue funding. Chair highlighted this is an opportunity for Taskforce members to think about how we can support this program.</p>	Executive Officer to follow up FWCP to present on the Far West Coast Agenda and data.
9.	<p><b>Adelaide - updates/trends/issues/responses</b></p> <p><b>SAPOL</b> – Recent weather contributed to decline in high volume taskings. SAPOL are taking a proactive approach to address a small increase in anti-social behaviour at Edwards Park. Have seen decline in sales of alcohol to vulnerable people in the CBD and decline in alcohol thefts. Providing feedback on Liquor Accord. SAPOL is restructuring its regional district teams.</p> <p><b>Liquor Commissioner</b> – Once Liquor Accord has feedback from relevant parties, Commissioner will sign-off and finalise.</p> <p><b>DHS</b> – Seeing 20-30 people daily, mostly from the Northern Territory, at the Safer Place to Gather (SPTG), Edwards Park. Seeing some increase in drug use in Edwards Park. Edwards Park licence expires 28 February 2025 – looking at longer term options.</p> <p><b>DASSA</b> – In progress of getting lease for new van for AOD mobile clinic. In September, will change from Friday to Tuesday for mobile van clinic visits to Edwards Park to allow extra days to follow up with patients during the week. At this stage, have had 141 presentations with 81 individual clients.</p>	DHS to bring together relevant agencies to progress longer term options for remote visitors temporarily staying in Adelaide.
10.	<p><b>Other Business:</b></p> <p>DHS to investigate process to proactively disclose Taskforce minutes.</p>	Chair/Executive Officer to send email out of session on proposed approach
11.	<p>- <b>Close Meeting</b></p> <p>Meeting closed 4:05pm.</p>	Chair
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4.	<b>Adelaide Park Lands Dry Area Review (PAPER FOR NOTING)</b>	Ilia Houridis (CoA)	2:20pm (10 mins)
5.	<b>Safer Place to Gather / Edwards Park (PAPER SEEKING ENDORSEMENT)</b>	DHS Chair	2:30pm (10 min)
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9.	<b>Lemongrass Place</b>	Hayley Mills (DCS)	3:25 min (10min)
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*"We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today."*

	Items for discussion	
No.	Discussion item	Action / Decision
1.	<b>Welcome and apologies</b> The Chair welcomed Jodie O'Donnell, A/Manager, Strategic Engagement – Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce to her first Taskforce meeting. The Chair noted the apologies and welcomed proxies attending.	



2.	<p><b>Actions from Previous Minutes (Action Register)</b></p> <p>The Chair outlined amendments to the draft minutes for 6 August 2024 including correction of misspelt member names and amended wording of DSS update at Item 5.</p> <p>The Taskforce <b>NOTED</b> the amended minutes for 6 August 2024.</p> <p>The Taskforce <b>NOTED</b> the current status of Actions.</p>	Executive Officer to update Action Register.
3.	<p><b>Taskforce Systems Theory of Change (STOC) and Focus Areas (PAPER SEEKING ENDORSEMENT)</b></p> <p>The Chair thanked Taskforce members for their participation and input into the draft Strategic Document. The Chair opened discussion on this Document with Taskforce and the following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicola Spurrier (Health - Public Health) – the population level focus on preventative health and environmental health is not reflected in the document.</li> <li>• Kurt Towers (Health – Aboriginal Health) – indicated SAACCON are an important stakeholder to finalise the STOC.</li> <li>• Cheryl Axelby (SAHT) – recommended the need to amplify Aboriginal voices and their participation in Taskforce decision making. Reflected the need to define the document lifespan.</li> <li>• Deb O'Neill (DfE) – requested a change to the Priority Action wording re. Port Augusta Wellbeing Hub as this pre-empts the local decision-making process.</li> <li>• Ilia Houridis (CoA) – similar feedback related to language.</li> <li>• Carolyn Doherty (CAA) – similar feedback related to language.</li> <li>• Zoe Thomas (AGD) – correction of title to Liquor and Gambling Commissioner</li> <li>• <b>Clause 12(1)</b> (NIAA) – suggested the need for further conversation related to the Voice to Parliament, cultural governance, and supporting Aboriginal leaders.</li> </ul> <p>The draft STOC Strategic Document was <b>NOT ENDORSED</b>. DHS will update the Document with member feedback and resubmit for endorsement.</p>	Executive Officer to update the draft Systems Theory of Change Strategic Document with feedback from Taskforce members, and resubmit for endorsement.
4.	<p><b>Adelaide Park Lands Dry Area Review (PAPER FOR NOTING)</b></p> <p>CoA outlined the background to the Adelaide Park Lands Dry Area and Council's support for an extension to 22 June 2025, conditional on the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation process.</p> <p>CoA noted the suggestion by SAHT to consider mobility as part of the evaluation. CoA will amend the recommendations in the Paper, and recirculate it out of session. CoA will follow up specifically with relevant agencies with respect to coordination and investment, as outlined in the Paper.</p>	Executive Officer to follow up with CoA amended paper to be recirculated out of session.
5.	<p><b>Safer Place to Gather / Edwards Park (PAPER SEEKING ENDORSEMENT)</b></p> <p>The Park Lands Licence to utilise Edwards Park for the SPTG expires 28 February 2025. DHS will contact agencies to ask for data to support a request to CoA to extend the Licence for SPTG.</p> <p>The Taskforce <b>ENDORSED</b> DHS to seek an extension of the SPTG response from Government following consultation with relevant cultural authorities including native title owners and land holding authorities (APY, Far West</p>	Executive Officer to contact relevant agencies for data supporting the extension of the SPTG.

	Coast Partnership and NT cultural representatives) , and subsequently an extension of the SPTG Park Lands Licence from the CoA.	
6.	<p><b>Adelaide- updates/trends/issues/responses</b></p> <p><b>SAPOL</b> – Seeing increased number of remote visitors on North Terrace. Operation Bluestone in the Western Districts will commence in November in preparation for summer.</p> <p><b>AGD-CBS</b> – The voluntary Liquor Accord has been signed off by SAPOL and CoA, and is now with the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner to sign.</p> <p><b>DHS</b> – There are up to 20 people at any one time at the SPTG, mostly from the NT. Return to Country (RtC) indicates young people and children represent around 30% of travellers. Summer response planning has commenced. DHS are now responsible for extreme weather event activation (Code Red/Blue) and are varying previous approach.</p> <p><b>DASSA</b> – DASSA has a meeting scheduled for 21 October 2024 with David Brown, Chief Executive of the Department for Correctional Services, to discuss an AOD support program that may include a supervised alcohol setting for housing pre- and post-release prisoners. This could potentially involve a partnership between DCS, DASSA, and an ACCO.</p> <p>Additionally, the Mobile Van Clinic is now visiting Edwards Park and other sites every Tuesday.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Port Augusta - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b></p> <p><b>SAPOL</b> – Low level property damage has dropped off, but still seeing reasonable level of crime – both person and property. Operation Calculate saw reduction of theft and shop theft. Operation Summer Safe recently commenced.</p> <p><b>PACC</b> – Community safety has been the main focus for Council over the last couple of weeks. PACC are keen to see actions implemented from the Safety and Wellbeing Plan.</p> <p><b>DHS</b> –DHS has met with over 50 groups, and the first Community Group Meeting will be held 29 October. Prior to this, DHS will meet with Traditional Owners and Chief Executives of ACCOs.</p> <p>Sandy Pitcher, DHS CE and Chair of the Taskforce recently attended a Commonwealth led Place Based Round Table, where the focus was on how they can address entrenched disadvantage.</p> <p>DHS will continue to meet with relevant agencies to finalise a summer response.</p> <p>DHS attended a forum in September organised and facilitated by local Aboriginal people, which focussed on how Aboriginal people can work with service providers to support young people. This self-governed group will meet every two months.</p> <p><b>DASSA</b> – DASSA is leading the planning and implementation of the Davenport Dry Area. This is the first community in Australia going through a restorative, health intervention process, and not a punitive approach.</p> <p>DHS noted that Healthy Dreaming in Port Augusta is one of the 26 Commonwealth Justice Reinvestment initiatives announced.</p> <p>CAA reiterated they will work with AGD-AAR and DASSA to work through the logistical and practical issues regarding sentencing.</p>	



8.	<b>Lemongrass Place (PRESENTATION)</b> Presentation postponed until December meeting.	
9.	<b>Coober Pedy- Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b> <b>SAPOL</b> – Continuing to enforce liquor restrictions. Completed training in Coober Pedy for 5 new Police Aboriginal Liaison Officers to be based on the APY Lands and successfully transitioned an Aboriginal Liaison Officer to a Community Constable.  <b>AGD-CBS</b> – About to release ID scan apps to recognise expired IDs. Will summarise feedback from a review of liquor restrictions in Coober Pedy around Court Week and send to CAA and DHS. DHS also noted that anti-social behaviour is an issue occurring across regional centres during court week. DHS can compare Return to Country data with court week to map trends in remote visitor movements.  <b>CAA</b> – Undertaking an internal review of the APY Lands circuit arrangements, more broadly around security and safety of staff travelling. Interested in what CAA can do to reduce anxiety before court week, particularly for young people attending court. Considering the use of AVL noting there are logistical challenges.  <b>DHS</b> – Minister Cook visited Coober Pedy in September to get a better understanding of the complexities faced by the community. DHS continues to receive positive feedback and see good outcomes from the Safety, Wellbeing and Return to Country Program delivered by Umoona Community Council.  <b>NIAA</b> – Following a recent unexpected death, community members have been encouraged to access mental health support services, and there has been a strong uptake in these services.	
10.	<b>Ceduna - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b> <b>SAPOL</b> –Not seeing an impact from recent changes to the temporary licensing conditions, but will continue to monitor.  <b>AGD-CBS</b> – the liquor restrictions trial ended early September and has not been extended. The Foreshore Hotel has voluntarily pushed back its opening hours.  <b>CDC</b> – Working through concerns re. fires left burning by people camping on the outskirts of town.  <b>DSS</b> – DSS have funding available in Ceduna and encouraged Taskforce members to think about how this could be utilised to support the community.	
11.	<b>APY Lands - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b> <b>NIAA</b> – The community council governance workshop was held late August. Both the Australian and SA Governments will brief their Ministers with a view to seeking further funding for governance models.  <b>NIAA</b> – The final report on establishing a morgue and funeral services on the APY Lands will be provided at the next Taskforce meeting and will cover three areas: 1 – Morgue type facility and costings; 2 – funeral services, coordination and costs; and 3 – support for sorry camps.  <b>DSS</b> – Provided an update on the Commonwealth APY Collaboration Group. There are 19 Commonwealth agencies represented in SA who meet bimonthly. DSS will continue to share information with the Taskforce.  <b>SAPOL</b> – Construction on the three new police posts (Kaltjiti, Indulkana and Pipalyatjara) is underway, with expected completion late 2024- early 2025.	

	<p><b>AGD-AAR</b> – Met with Mimili community members in August and meeting with Mimili Community Council next week regarding long standing family conflict. Planning to continue discussions with community members in November.</p> <p><b>DHS</b> – AGD-AAR has asked DHS to take over management of the Amata Wellbeing Centre with a different focus. This proposal has support from the community and EFNLHN, who currently manage the Centre. DHS Executive are meeting this week to determine the request.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p>Ian Parrott (SAPOL) took the opportunity to acknowledge Scott Duval (SAPOL) who will be retiring. This is his last meeting.</p> <p>The Chair reiterated these comments and on behalf of the Taskforce thanked Scott for his contributions from the early days of Puti on Kurna Yerta (PKY) to the work of the Taskforce today, and wished him well for his retirement.</p>	
13.	<b>Close Meeting</b>	
<p><b>Next meeting – Wednesday 11 December 2024, 2pm-4pm</b></p>		

# Agenda

<b>Meeting:</b>	Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce		
<b>When:</b>	Wednesday 11 December 2024, 2pm – 4pm		
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Items for discussion			
No.	Discussion item	Who	Time
1.	Welcome and apologies	Chair (DHS)	2:00pm (5 mins)
2.	Actions from previous Minutes	Chair (DHS)	2:05pm (5 mins)

3.	<b>Summer responses</b>	Jacky Costanzo (DHS)	2:10pm (10 mins)
4.	<b>Ceduna - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b> - SAPOL - AGD - Liquor restrictions - DHS – Safer Place to Gather - Other relevant agency updates	All	2:20pm (10 mins)
5.	<b>Coober Pedy- Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b> - SAPOL - AGD - Liquor restrictions - Other relevant agency updates	All	2:30pm (10 mins)
6.	<b>Impact of court circuit on regional centres – verbal update</b>	Jacky Costanzo (DHS)	2:40pm (5 mins)
7.	<b>APY Lands - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b> - NIAA - Funeral and morgue update - AGD-AAR - update on Community Council Governance workshops and reforms - SAPOL - DHS - Amata Wellbeing Centre - Other relevant agency updates	All	2:45pm (15 mins)
8.	<b>Port Augusta - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b> - DHS – Port Augusta Community Safety & Wellbeing Plan and Governance Group - updated service demand report and funding report - SAPOL - AGD - Liquor restrictions including Davenport Dry Area - Other relevant agency updates	All	3:00pm (15 mins)
9.	<b>Lemongrass Place (PRESENTATION)</b>	Hayley Mills (DCS)	3:15m (10 mins)
10.	<b>Adelaide- updates/trends/issues/responses</b> - SAPOL – Operation Paragon/CBD/Western Adelaide trends - Liquor restrictions - DHS – Outreach, emerging issues and trends, summer response - City of Adelaide - Dry Areas Evaluation update - Other relevant agency updates	All	3:25pm (15 mins)
11.	<b>Short-term responses for remote visitors to Adelaide (PAPER FOR NOTING)</b>	Alex Reid (DHS)	3:35pm (10 mins)
12.	<b>Systems Theory of Change</b>	Alex Reid (DHS)	3:45pm (5 mins)
13.	<b>Evaluation Steering Group – 2025 Workplan and Membership (PAPER FOR NOTING AND FEEDBACK)</b>	Penny Baldock (DHS)	3:50pm (5 mins)
14.	<b>Other Business</b>	Chair (DHS)	3:55pm
15.	<b>Close Meeting</b>	Chair (DHS)	4pm
<b>Next meeting – Wednesday 26 February 2025, 2pm-4pm</b>			

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	Items for discussion	
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1.	<b>Welcome and apologies</b> The Chair welcomed John De Candia, Acting Assistant Commissioner – Metropolitan Operations Service (SAPOL) to the Taskforce. The Chair noted the apologies and welcomed proxies attending.	

	<p><b>Public Health</b> – Advised that moving forward they will only have one Taskforce representative (Nicola Spurrier).</p>	
2.	<p><b>Actions from previous Minutes</b> Draft Systems Theory of Change to be addressed at Agenda Item 12. All other actions completed or in progress.</p> <p>The Taskforce <b>NOTED</b> the current status of Actions.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Summer Responses</b> <b>DHS</b> – outlined place-based summer response approaches, covering three key periods – (1) summer period (December to February), (2) the two week period over Christmas and New Years, when services typically shut down, and (3) a surge/code red response, if needed.</p> <p>A Ceduna Summer Services Brochure has been developed, outlining contact details and opening hours over December/January. It will be circulated to businesses and relevant stakeholders. A similar Brochure will be developed for Port Augusta.</p> <p>DHS outlined Ceduna data collection to monitor summer trends. This will be shared with service providers weekly. This is possible due to a Data Sharing Agreement for Ceduna.</p>	<p>Jacky Costanzo to include Rob Tolson (SAAS) on DL for Ceduna data updates.</p>
4.	<p><b>Ceduna - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b> <b>DHS</b> – Far West Community Partnerships (FWCP) has written to DHS to take the operational lead to establish a temporary Safer Place to Gather (SPTG) in Ceduna. DHS is preparing a response and working through operational matters, cultural governance, and funding arrangements.</p> <p><b>DSS</b> – A funding application has been received for the SPTG Ceduna and is being assessed.</p> <p><b>CDC</b> – Business as usual.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Coober Pedy- Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b> <b>SAPOL</b> – Business as usual. There are some vacancies, which are being covered by experienced staff from other centres.</p> <p><b>DHS</b> – The outreach and Return to Country (RtC) contract with Umoona Community Council (UCC) will be extended to June 2025. DHS will work with UCC to trial a proactive/assertive RtC at court during the circuit court sitting week.</p> <p>DHS has convened an initial meeting with Coober Pedy Council, government agencies and service providers to discuss standing up a leadership group for service providers. Will reconvene towards end of January.</p> <p>DHS CE will be meeting next week with Pat Conlon, the new Principal Administrator appointed for Coober Pedy Council (replacing Geoff Sheridan).</p>	
6.	<p><b>Impact of Court Circuit on Regional Centres</b> <b>DHS</b> – In November, DHS met with a circuit court magistrate, CAA and SAPOL to discuss the impact and potential responses.</p> <p>DHS will look at increasing outreach/Return to Country (RtC) in regional centres during court week, and consider trialling a proactive/assertive RtC service at court to connect immediately with remote Aboriginal visitors after their matter is heard. DHS is also looking at how it can connect with the court around suitable bail conditions.</p>	

	<p><b>CAA</b> – Commenced sharing case lists and the 2025 circuit court roster with the DHS Remote Visitor Outreach Team (RVOT).</p>	
7.	<p><b>APY Lands - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b></p> <p><b>AGD-AAR</b> – The final report on establishing a morgue and funeral services on the APY Lands will be shared with the Taskforce at the next meeting.</p> <p>AGD-AAR is working with NIAA on developing a food security strategy for the APY Lands.</p> <p>AGD-AAR is meeting with the APY Lands General Manager next week with community council governance to be one of the issues to be discussed.</p> <p><b>DHS</b> – Provided an update on the Community Council Governance workshops and reforms. In late January 2025, Empowered Communities are planning to hold a roadshow in APY communities to discuss incorporation (potentially under the Office of the Register of Indigenous Corporations) to support Councils to receive funding and resources to function effectively.</p> <p>The Taskforce reflected on the origin of this work, the collaborative effort of Taskforce and agencies to get to this point, and the ongoing work, particularly in Mimili with respect to family and community violence.</p> <p><b>SAPOL</b> – Onboarding five new staff, with four already commenced and one due to start in January. With respect to the three police posts under construction – construction at Kaltjiti (formerly Fregon) is well advanced, with construction at Indulkana and Pipalyatjara progressing nicely. These posts are designated short stays (1-2 nights) to increase police presence in community as needed.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Port Augusta - Regional updates/trends/issues/responses</b></p> <p><b>DHS</b> - The Port Augusta Service Demand and Funding Reports are almost finalised and will be circulated out of session. DHS is still following up and clarifying some data and appreciate Taskforce members support in prioritising these requests.</p> <p><b>DHS</b> – The Port Augusta Governance Group has met twice (29 October and 18 November) and will meet again 18 December 2024. This Group will review the draft Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan (the Plan) and identify priority actions linked to the \$12 million joint Government funding. DHS will distribute talking points after each meeting to stakeholders.</p> <p>At the next meeting the Group will consider two projects – (1) a proposal for a designated space for young people aged 13-18 that is safe and welcoming environment, where young people and service providers can walk alongside each other and share experiences while building connections; and (2) trialling a Youth Aboriginal Community Court in Port Augusta.</p> <p><b>SAPOL</b> – Reinstated the Regional Manager’s meeting.</p> <p>The Volume Crime Team established to target community safety is based in Port Augusta, but can push to Coober Pedy if needed.</p> <p>There has been some media coverage around changes to opening hours for regional police stations. SAPOL clarified that while they will not be providing a face-to-face counter service outside of business hours, operational functions remain 24/7 and patrol responses will continue to operate after hours.</p> <p>Working to address concern regarding the Declared Public Precinct (DPP) in Port Augusta. To date, the number of people removed from the CBD has been very small, where people are heavily intoxicated.</p>	



	<p><b>DASSA</b> – In the process of allocating approved treatment providers to support the Davenport Dry Area Regulations with a view to developing a MoU by mid/late January 2025. Discussions with community about what a safe drinking area might look like is ongoing.</p> <p><b>All</b> – This year has seen an increase in Aboriginal admissions into custody. SAHT and DCS Taskforce members questioned whether responses such as the Port Augusta DPP and Davenport Dry Area Regulations could inadvertently lead to an increase in Aboriginal admissions into custody due to increased surveillance and response.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – SAPOL, DCS, SAHT and DHS to meet to determine data indicators to evaluate for trends and correlations regarding Aboriginal admissions into custody.</p> <p><b>PACC</b> – Council has set up meetings with Mayors from Alice Springs, Ceduna and Port Augusta to share experiences and approaches.</p> <p>PACC convened a meeting with supermarket proprietors and Big W to discuss issues and support.</p> <p>At last night's (10/12/2024) Council meeting, resolutions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PACC will not renew its current contract to deliver Substance Misuse Services ie. Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) and Sobering Up Unit (SUU) and Assertive Outreach Program (AOP), with the current contracts due to expire 30 June 2025. PACC will give notice to NIAA and SA Health.</li> <li>• PACC will fund a Community CBD Safety Audit to get issues around CBD to inform the Master Plan (under development).</li> <li>• PACC will not participate as a member of the Port Augusta Community Governance Group due to concerns regarding the Group's Terms of Reference.</li> </ul>	<p>DHS to facilitate a meeting between SAPOL, DCS, SAHT and DHS to determine data indicators to evaluate for trends and correlations regarding Aboriginal admissions into custody.</p>
9.	<p><b>Lemongrass Place (PRESENTATION)</b></p> <p><b>DCS</b> presented on Lemongrass Place – a residential cultural transition and learning centre located outside the Port Augusta Prison to support Aboriginal men from remote communities transition from custody to country.</p> <p>Up to 20 participants can be accommodated at any given time, with the average length of stay around 3 months. Approximately 130 men have gone through program to date. Previously it only accommodated ex-prisoners, but now includes bail parolees and men on extended supervision orders. The next evaluation will look formally at reincarceration rates, however anecdotally they are seeing better results.</p> <p>The Taskforce NOTED the presentation and commended DCS on the success of the pilot program.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Adelaide- updates/trends/issues/responses</b></p> <p><b>SAPOL</b> – Operation Bluestone is running in the Western Districts and working closely with local councils and the DHS Remote Visitor Outreach Team to support the summer response.</p> <p>SAPOL expect to see more people in the CBD over summer and congregate on North Terrace. SAPOL questioned whether the MAP bus operating hours could be extended to support people return to tenancies / safe places to alleviate this. This led to discussion around funding allocation based on health response vs human service outcomes and harm minimisation.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> DHS will meet with SAPOL and DASSA to discuss MAP bus operations and funding, with DHS to link in NIAA as required.</p>	<p>Jacky Costanzo (DHS) to organise meeting</p>



	<p><b>CoA</b> – Noted that there has been an increase in remote Aboriginal visitors in Whitmore Square. A community meeting will be held to hear and respond to resident concerns.</p> <p>A consultant has been engaged to evaluate the Dry Area Regulations, and CoA will update the Taskforce on progress at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>DHS</b> – The RVOT are seeing 20-30 people regularly at Whitmore Square. There are 5-8 tenancies the RVOT is concerned about and working with SAHT's Wali-Wiru Team to support these tenancies. The RVOT continue to support DASSA's mobile van clinic and will support SA Health (NAHLN and CALHN) to deliver a TB screening and treatment program for Aboriginal people sleeping rough, or in overcrowded tenancies in Adelaide.</p>	<p>between DHS, SAPOL and DASSA re. MAP bus operations and funding.</p> <p>Executive Officer to follow up with CoA re. evaluation of Dry Area regulations for next meeting.</p>
11.	<p><b>Short-term responses for remote visitors to Adelaide (PAPER FOR NOTING)</b></p> <p>Due to time constraints, this Item will be held over until the next meeting. DHS will continue to engage with relevant stakeholders regarding an extension of the Safer Place to Gather at Edwards Park, while considering other short-term responses to support remote visitors in Adelaide.</p>	Alex Reid (DHS) to update Taskforce at February meeting.
12.	<p><b>Systems Theory of Change (STOC)</b></p> <p><b>DHS</b> – DHS is working with Public Health to add a Focus Area and Priority Actions for population level and preventative health. Once finalised, the STOC strategic document will help set the vision and focus for the Taskforce, as well as assisting the Evaluation Steering Group set future priorities. DHS aims to circulate the STOC for endorsement out of session prior to the next Taskforce meeting.</p>	Executive Officer to circulate out of session for endorsement.
13.	<p><b>Evaluation Steering Group – 2025 Workplan and Membership (PAPER FOR NOTING AND FEEDBACK)</b></p> <p>Due to time constraints, this Agenda Paper will be circulated out of session for feedback on the proposed 2025 Workplan and membership of the Evaluation Steering Group.</p>	Executive Officer to circulate out of session for feedback.
14.	<b>Other Business</b>	
15.	<p><b>Close Meeting</b></p> <p>Meeting closed at 4:15pm.</p>	
Next meeting – Wednesday 26 February 2025, 2pm-4pm		

# Agenda

<b>Meeting:</b>	Safety and Wellbeing Taskforce	
<b>When:</b>	Wednesday 26 February 2025, 2pm – 4pm	
<b>Where:</b>	Boardroom, Level 8, Riverside Building, North Terrace MS Teams	
<b>Attending:</b>	Sandy Pitcher (Chair/DHS) Alex Reid (DHS) Jacky Costanzo (DHS) Arrin Hazelbane (DHS) Nerida Saunders (AGD-AAR) John De Candia (SAPOL) Ian Parrott (SAPOL) Cheryl Axleby-Keeffe (SAHT) Darren Humphrys (DfE) Deb O'Neill (DfE) Becc Clark (DfE) Toni Shearing – (Health - NALHN) Brett Humphrey (AGD) Zoe Thomas (AGD) Melana Virgo (CAA) Carolyn Doherty (CAA) Jodie O'Donnell (DHS) James Blewit (EFNLHN)	Nicola Spurrier (Public Health) Rob Tolson (SAAS) Trish Laccos (CALHN) Hayley Mills (DCS) Scharlene Lamont (DCS) Penny Baldock (DHS) Nick Cowling (DHS) Leanne Davis-King (CPAE) Tim Coote (Ceduna Council) John Banks (Pt Augusta Council) Ilia Houridis (CoA) Craig Packard (Health-FUNLHN) Vicky Cock (Health – DASSA) Mark Thompson (Health – DASSA) Clause 12(1) (NIAA) Clause 12(1) (DSS) Megan O'Connell (Health – Aboriginal Health)
<b>Apologies</b>	Kurt Towers (Health – Aboriginal Health – <i>proxy Megan O'Connell</i> ) Fiona Curnow (SAHT) Sharon Bilney (EFNLHN – <i>proxy James Blewit</i> )	Jackie Bray (DCP) Rohan Bennett (DCP) Michael Sedgman (CoA – <i>proxy Ilia Houridis</i> )

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Items for discussion			
No.	Discussion item	Who	Time
1.	Welcome and apologies	Chair (DHS)	2:00pm (5 mins)
2.	Actions from previous Minutes	Chair (DHS)	2:05pm (5 mins)

3.	<b>Adelaide- new and emerging matters/trends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SAPOL – Operation Paragon/CBD/Western Adelaide trends</li> <li>- Liquor restrictions</li> <li>- DHS – Outreach, emerging issues and trends, summer response</li> <li>- City of Adelaide – Whitmore Square Community Meeting and Next Steps</li> <li>- City of Adelaide - Dry Areas Regulation Evaluation update</li> <li>- Other relevant agency updates</li> </ul>	All	2:10pm (20 min)
4.	<b>Short-term responses for remote visitors to Adelaide upcoming forum with Aboriginal stakeholders</b>	Alex Reid (DHS)	2:30pm (10 mins)
5.	<b>Port Augusta - new and emerging matters/trends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DHS – Port Augusta Community Safety &amp; Wellbeing Plan and Governance Group</li> <li>- SAPOL</li> <li>- AGD - Liquor restrictions</li> <li>- DASSA - Davenport Dry Area</li> <li>- Other relevant agency updates</li> </ul>	All	2:40pm (15 mins)
6.	<b>Emerging region - Whyalla</b>	Alex Reid (DHS)	2:55pm (15 mins)
7.	<b>Ceduna - new and emerging matters/trends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SAPOL</li> <li>- Other relevant agency updates</li> </ul>	All	3:10pm (15 mins)
8.	<b>Coober Pedy - new and emerging matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SAPOL</li> <li>- AGD - Liquor restrictions</li> <li>- Other relevant agency updates</li> </ul>	All	3:25pm (10 mins)
9.	<b>APY Lands - new and emerging matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SAPOL</li> <li>- Other relevant agency updates</li> </ul>	All	3:35pm (10 mins)
10.	<b>Systems Theory of Change - update</b>	Alex Reid (DHS)	3:45pm (5 mins)
11.	<b>Other Business</b>	Chair (DHS)	3:50pm
12.	<b>Close Meeting</b>	Chair (DHS)	4pm
<b>Next meeting – Wednesday 30 April 2025, 2pm-4pm</b>			

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1.	Welcome and apologies	

	<p>Alex Reid (A/Chair) opened the meeting on behalf of Sandy Pitcher (Chair) who joined the meeting at 2:10pm.</p> <p>The A/Chair welcomed Sharon Semmler, Staff Specialist (CALHN) and Justin Commons, CEO (Whyalla City Council) to the Taskforce.</p> <p>The A/Chair noted the apologies and welcomed proxies attending.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Actions from previous Minutes</b></p> <p>One action remains outstanding from previous Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DHS will contact SAPOL, DCS, SAHT and DHS to determine data indicators to evaluate for trends and correlations regarding Aboriginal admissions into custody.</li> </ul> <p>The Taskforce <b>NOTED</b> the current status of all Actions.</p>	<p>Executive Officer to arrange meeting between DHS, SAPOL, DCS and SAHT before next Taskforce meeting.</p>
3.	<p><b>Adelaide- new and emerging matters/trends</b></p> <p><b>SAPOL</b> – Operation Focus is targeting high risk behaviour on North Terrace, Whitmore Square and in the eastern suburbs.</p> <p>Over the last two weeks there has been a slight decline in remote visitors coming into the CBD late afternoon / early evening, however the Western District has experienced an increase.</p> <p><b>CoA</b> – A paper will be provided to Taskforce out-of-session on the 22 January 2025 community meeting regarding Whitmore Square, including observations and next steps.</p> <p><b>CoA</b> – The Evaluation of the Dry Areas Regulations has been completed, with the Report to go to Council in April 2025. Before then, CoA will reach out to agencies with implications from assessment before releasing and circulating the document.</p> <p><b>DHS</b> –. Current areas of concern for the RVOT are tenancies under pressure in Adelaide and Port Adelaide resulting in movement between tenancies and parklands. On average, the RVOT are working with over 25 tenancies per week in partnership with SAHT.</p> <p>Another concern is some increase in drug use amongst remote Aboriginal visitors. DASSA advised it is also seeing an increase in methamphetamine use. DASSA are working with Preventative Health regarding treatment vs prevention responses.</p> <p><b>Public Health</b> – Watto Purrunga – NALHN has employed more Aboriginal staff to undertake tuberculosis (TB) outreach and screening, with the TB program progressing well – to date no confirmed cases of concern.</p>	<p>Executive Officer to circulate CoA papers out-of-session.</p>
4.	<p><b>Short-term responses for remote visitors to Adelaide upcoming forum with Aboriginal stakeholders</b></p> <p>DHS provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City of Adelaide (CoA) has extended the Park Lands Licence to occupy by up to 6 months (to 31 August 2025) to allow the Safer Place to Gather (SPTG) at Edwards Park to continue with a transition out and communication plan to be provided by 30 June 2025.</li> <li>A workshop is planned for 28 March 2025 with Aboriginal leaders from SA, NT and WA, Taskforce members, Aboriginal organisations and</li> </ul>	<p>DHS to develop communications plan for the transition out of Edwards Park.</p>

	<p>experienced interstate temporary accommodation providers. Invitations will be sent out shortly.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Port Augusta - new and emerging matters/trends</b></p> <p><b>DHS</b> –The Port Augusta and Davenport Community Alliance Group (the Alliance) met yesterday and are currently meeting every three weeks. The Alliance has endorsed a proposal from Department for Education (DfE) for a designated space for young people aged 13-18 to re-engage in education pathways.</p> <p>Taskforce members can contact DHS to be included on the Distribution List for Talking Points for Alliance meetings.</p> <p><b>DfE</b> – The endorsed project will be three-year trial with a focus on early intervention for young people disengaged, or at risk of becoming disengaged, from the education system. DfE will match the funding and start investigating what this will look like, including staffing models, alternative education models, and supporting young people and their families to re-connect with schooling. DfE are keen to engage with the Aboriginal community for mentoring and support.</p> <p><b>SAPOL</b> – the Declared Public Precinct (DPP) continues until 27 April 2025 with the number of people receiving directions remaining steady. Operation Summer Response has seen good results, as did the Day of Action earlier this month. SAPOL will hold more Days of Action in the future. The last couple of weekends saw a small number of people have a significant impact on crime levels, with four young people responsible for the majority of crime in Port Augusta over that period.</p> <p><b>AGD-CBS (Liquor Licensing)</b> – Met with the Port Augusta Liquor Accord, DHS, SAPOL, PACC and Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (ADAC) on 25 February 2025. Issues discussed included the possible extension of the DPP, increased drug use and the challenge it presents for the Day Centre and Sobering Up Unit (SUU).</p> <p><b>PACC</b> – Received an excellent response from businesses to the CB Safety Audit survey and this will feed into a final report due April 2025.</p> <p><b>FUNLHN</b> – Queried progress on the transition of Sobering Up Unit (SUU) and Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) service from PACC to new service provider. PACC advised it wrote to funding providers in December 2024 advising of its intention not to renew its current contract to deliver Substance Misuse Services. NIAA advised it is pursuing a limited tender process for delivery of these services.</p> <p><b>DASSA</b> – Life Without Barriers and ADAC have agreed to be approved treatment providers to support the Davenport Dry Area Regulations. DASSA are working on a MoU. Davenport Community has expressed a desire for non-residents to be referred to a treatment provider, as well as an option for a referral to the Return to Country (RtC) Program. DASSA will follow up with DHS regarding this proposed option.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Emerging Region – Whyalla</b></p> <p><b>DHS</b> –There have been reports of an increase in high risk and some anti-social behaviour in Whyalla reportedly attributed to remote Aboriginal visitors.</p>	



	<p><b>SAPOL</b> –There appears to be a higher number of remote Aboriginal visitors in town than what has been experienced in previous years. Youth crime moves between Whyalla and Port Augusta.</p> <p><b>WCC</b> – Youth crime, domestic violence and other challenges related to Whyalla’s socio-economic demographic have been around for some time. However, the last 6-9 months, Whyalla has experienced increasing concern around public safety, attributed to youth crime as well as an increase in remote Aboriginal visitors gathering in high profile places, such as Westland Shopping Centre. WCC believe there are between 70 and 100 remote visitors in town now, with five tenancies experiencing overcrowding associated with visitors.</p> <p>Council are seeking residents’ feedback on the possibility of implementing a city-wide dry zone.</p> <p>WCC are keen to work with service agencies to establish what data they have access to that may demonstrate service demand and need.</p> <p>WCC advised the number of fit packs provided in Whyalla increased by 35% last year and is projected to be a further 65% increase this year – noting that increased fit pack use can mean increased safe injecting, not necessarily increased drug usage. DASSA are planning to meet with Nanyara Aboriginal Health Services (NAHS) regarding the needle and syringe program. DHS also met with NAHS who are supporting a high uptake in the needle exchange program. This appears to be more a local issue with methamphetamine use, but can quickly spill into the remote Aboriginal visitor community.</p> <p>DHS will look at what data has been collected that can be shared to support Whyalla to respond to current issues and longer-term, collaborative decision making. DHS can assist in coordinating a data response.</p> <p><b>DHS</b> –The RVOT is visiting Whyalla monthly to support SAHT’s Wali Wiru Team work with Aboriginal tenancies. There are about 18 tenancies with remote Aboriginal visitors, with six in jeopardy due to overcrowding. The majority of visitors appear to be from the APY Lands, with the rest from Alice Springs (60/40 split).</p> <p><b>DSS</b> was recently in Whyalla regarding an increase in domestic violence services, which are funded by DSS. Happy to share available data.</p> <p><b>NIAA</b> advised it is recruiting to fill a vacant, place-based role. It does not currently have much of a presence in Whyalla, but it is a priority location for them.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Justin Commons, Chief Executive WCC for the update and reiterated the invitation for WCC to continue to participate on the Taskforce to support a coordinated and collaborative place-based response.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Ceduna - new and emerging matters/trends</b></p> <p><b>CDC</b> –CDC queried the status of the Community Paramedic funding.</p> <p><b>DHS</b> – The Ceduna Services Collaboration (CSC) and local leaders have met to review current strategies and undertake planning to improve the safety and wellbeing of remote visitors in and around Ceduna who are affected by drug and alcohol use. A workshop is scheduled for 6 March 2025 to finalise a</p>	<p>Jacky Costanzo (DHS) to confirm status of Community Paramedic funding with Tim Cootes (CDC), Alex McKenzie and Rob Tolson (SAAS).</p>

	forward plan and refresh the governance structure for the CSC. DHS will keep the Taskforce updated.	
8.	<b>Coober Pedy - new and emerging matters</b> <b>AGD-CBS (Liquor Licensing)</b> – Additional measures in place since May 2024 will be reviewed soon. If Taskforce members have relevant information or people they should speak to in Coober Pedy regarding these restrictions, please let Zoe Thomas know.	
9.	<b>APY Lands - new and emerging matters</b> No agency updates.	
10.	<b>Systems Theory of Change – update</b> The Strategic Document was endorsed out-of-session and DHS will now finalise the design and layout.	
11.	<b>Other Business</b> <b>AGD-CBS (Liquor Licensing)</b> – Following extremely high sales of cask wine, the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner put in urgent restrictions in Roxby Downs, with cask wine no longer able to be stocked. SAPOL successfully prevented a large volume of alcohol entering the APY Lands. Liquor Licensing will undertake an audit of all liquor licensees outside the ID scan areas in the northern region to identify and inconsistencies. Taskforce members were asked to advise of any areas that may need review. DCS suggested Marla may warrant a review. <b>AGD-AAR</b> – Country Cabinet will be held on the APY Lands 4-6 May 2025. Please contact Craig Macauley if you have any questions. <b>Public Health</b> – The Port Pirie Lead Levels 2024 Annual Report will be published shortly. Lead exposure through environmental contamination is an ongoing issue for the community making it an inappropriate site for people to camp. If Taskforce members hear of people camping in or around Port Pirie, please contact Nicola Spurrier. <b>SAAS</b> – There is still no agreement on funding for Community Paramedics in Adelaide. DHS suggested a meeting between SAAS, DHS and CALHN to progress.	Executive Officer to organise meeting between Rob Tolson (SAAS), Trish Laccos (CALHN) and Jacky Costanzo (DHS) to discuss Community Paramedics in Adelaide.
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